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1,000 Drivers Answer Casey's Sellout Plot, Rally to 544-CIO at Fiery Meeting Monday

Blair's Latest Skullduggery

AN EDITORIAL

Monday night's membership meeting of Local 544 demonstrated beyond any shadow of doubt that this union of the Minneapolis truck drivers. Nobody—not even Raw Deal Neal or Tobin-minded or the boss press—can explain away the simple fact that a thousand drivers attended the 544-CIO meeting while the AFL "general membership" meeting couldn't draw more than 56 persons, including Tobin's goons.

Yes, even the Minneapolis Morning TRIBUNE of today had to report that "nearly a thousand" were present at the 544-CIO membership meeting. The only thing the TRIBUNE editors could think of to take the lie off that fact was to bury the story on the society page. About the slim turnout at the AFL meeting—or Casey had called such a meeting—the TRIBUNE maintained a merciful silence.

We waited the next morning to see how state "labor mediator" Blair and his AFL friends would try to bury the fact of that 544-CIO meeting.

That next morning Blair was scheduled to open hearings on the fantastic proposal of "544"-AFL that, without kind of an election, this Tobin outfit should be certified by Blair as the bargaining agent of all Minneapolis drivers. Fantastic—but it is what Blair is going to try to do.

Up until the time of the 544-CIO membership meeting, the strategy of Blair, Goldberg & Co. was to go through a solemn farce of adding up all the AFL "signatures" and "dues" collected at pistol-point by Tobin's henchmen.

Such was the Blair-Stassen-Tobin strategy—until the 544-CIO membership meeting knocked their strategy into smithereens. What was the use of Blair and Goldberg's "evidence" manufactured by Tobin's henchmen, when everybody in Minneapolis knows that 544-CIO had twenty times as many members at its monthly membership meeting than Goldberg's client, Casey?

So they decided to change the subject. Instead of discussing the—very embarrassing subject of the union represents the drivers of Minneapolis, they decided to discuss a subject as far away as possible from subject of counting up union members.

What subject is furthest away from the subject of union represents the truck drivers of Minneapolis? There is subject which every bankrupt boss politician and labor faker resorts to when he has nothing else to say: red-baiting.

Keeping as straight a face as he could, Mr. Goldberg Tuesday morning's hearing proceeded to introduce "evidence" that the leadership of 544-CIO was "Communist" and therefore 544-CIO can't represent the drivers. Goldberg was implicitly confessing: "Casey and his Quislings can't get the membership. So Blair should certify us the ground that 544-CIO has the membership but wouldn't be permitted to represent its membership."

And Blair, like a well-rehearsed stooge, listened to this clap-trap and ruled, over the protests of 544-CIO, that the leadership of 544-CIO was "Communist" and therefore 544-CIO can't represent the drivers of Minneapolis.

This fantastic business is summed up by the testimony of one of Goldberg's witnesses, who proceeded to say that the 1934 drivers' strike a red flag used to hang in the headquarters. (He was correct, in fact. There was in that flag—the flag of old 574, carried in the Ness funeral, the Labor Day parade, etc.—symbolizing blood shed by the union's martyrs. The border was white and the letters 574 were white. In a word, it was a white and blue flag. But all the "witness" remembered was the red!)

Let Blair keep on with this grotesque mumbo-jumbo, we warn him that it will get Blair, Goldberg & Co. farther along in their vile conspiracy than everything they have tried.

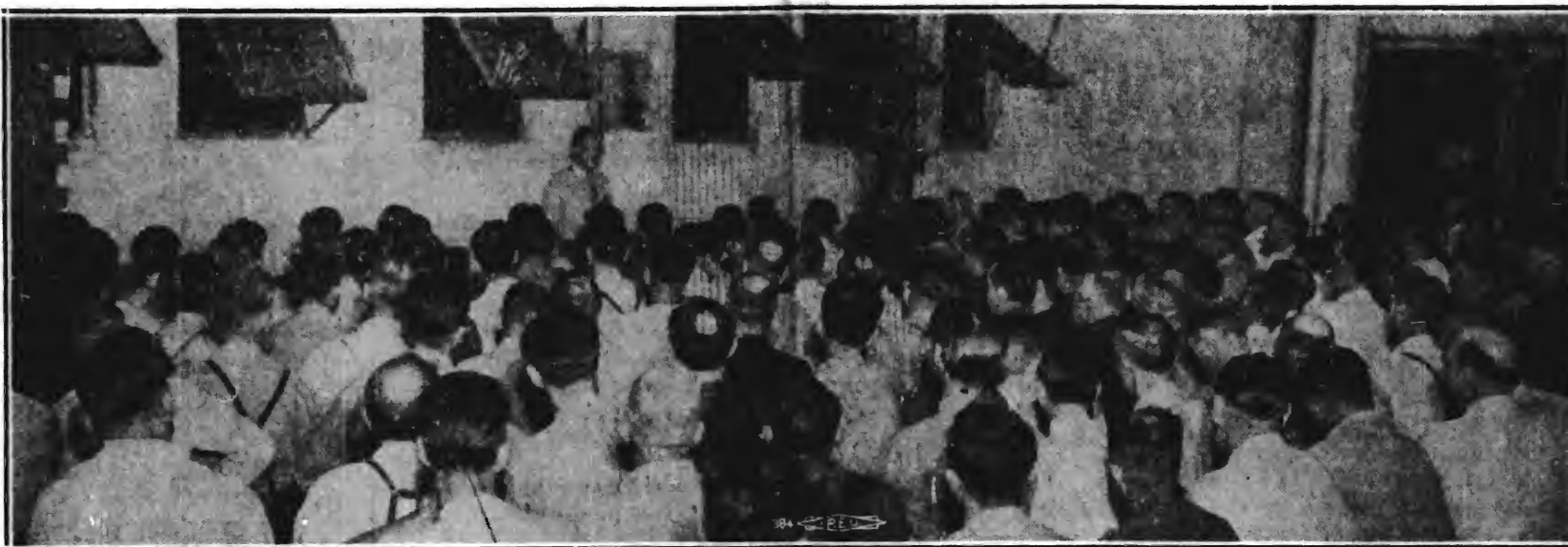
When they get through painting the town red, Blair Goldberg will find us as solidly planted as ever. When they get through, they will still have to deal with one question which every Minneapolis truck driver answers by a democratic election: which union represents the truck drivers?

We say that 544-CIO represents the truck drivers. Don't agree, Messrs. Blair, Goldberg, Casey & Co.? Let's settle it by the democratic way. Let's have an election.

No amount of red paint will wipe out the fact that CIO's membership meeting represented the drivers of Minneapolis. No amount of red paint will make sound the 56 in attendance at Casey's meeting.

Go on with your shameful performance, Blair. We're waiting for you to get through with it, so we can proceed to real business which the Minneapolis drivers want: the elections.

Protest Casey-Blair Sellout Maneuver



Above, CIO regional director Frank Barnhart is pledging the overflow 544-CIO membership meeting that the CIO nationally will back the union in its fight against the gold brick contract Casey and Blair

are trying to peddle.

"The CIO always wins its wars," Barnhart said. "We didn't come here to walk out again. The CIO came here to stay until this fight is won."

FLASH!

Stassen Defends Blair Despite CIO Proof of His Pro-Tobin Line

Sixteen city, state and national CIO leaders, headed by UCWOC Regional Director Frank Barnhart, saw Governor Stassen Wednesday afternoon to protest against his appointee Blair's unfair and biased conduct of the state labor board hearings, and concluded by de-

manding that Stassen remove Blair from his post. The CIO committee spokesmen pointedly reminded Stassen that he himself had promised that the Stassen labor act would insure the workers their democratic right to an election to establish which union

should represent them. This right was denied by Blair when he refused such an election to the workers in the furniture section of Local 544-CIO.

In further hearings on petitions for elections for the rest of the Minneapolis drivers, Blair is ignoring alto-

gether the question of elections and is turning the hearings into an inquisition in which he presumes to determine whether Local 544-CIO is a "fit union." The committee cited to Stassen numerous examples of Blair's red-baiting against Local 544-CIO.

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Farrell Dobbs Cracks Open Casey's Gold Brick Contract

Excerpts from the report of Brother Farrell Dobbs to the August 11th general membership meeting of Local 544-CIO:

Tobin and the government talk about a conspiracy here. One of the most abominable, dirtiest, most shameless conspiracies is being perpetrated right here in Minneapolis. It is the conspiracy of Blair, Casey and the bosses. In a star chamber session, Blair got the bosses and Tobin's agents together and cooked up this sell-out contract Casey is trying to peddle.

First, the bosses talked a nickel-an-hour. Holy Joe Casey pointed out that Art Hudson got the St. Paul men a nickel, and that Minneapolis always had a higher scale than Hudson could get. So the bosses came back, and laid a penny on the nickel, and said they would consider giving 6c.

BUT THE BOSSES ALSO TOLD CASEY THEY DIDN'T WANT ANY MORE OF THIS "NONSENSE" ABOUT ENFORCING CONTRACTS AND THAT THEY DEMANDED COMPULSORY ARBITRATION OF GRIEVANCES.

Just contrast Casey's meeting last Friday with the negotiating meetings you have held in this union in the past. In this union you ALWAYS got a full factual report of exactly where things stood in the negotiations.

Casey doesn't play that way. Tobin's agents are not innocent people. They are reckless. They haven't got a thing at stake here in Minneapolis except their desire to continue receiving salaries from Tobin.

Casey's Contracts

Casey comes from San Francisco. The overwhelming majority of AFL Teamsters contracts on the West Coast are written without seniority clauses. Casey thinks what is good enough for him on the Coast is good enough for you. Under the Casey brand of negotiations, you would wind up with a measly union, a closed shop contract to force you to pay dues, and no protection and no conditions. And the snapper would be the length of the contract. A precedent is the two-year contract Art Hudson just signed in St. Paul, with the cost of living going up every hour.

One of the main reasons why we have such a splendid meeting here tonight is because you have figured out Casey's pitch, and you want union action to prevent it. (Cheers).

We Mean Business

We have filed strike notices against the bosses. These strike notices mean what they say. Local 544-CIO means that if we don't receive workingmen's justice at the end of the waiting period, that Stassen and Blair and Tobin and the bosses will know we haven't been kidding. We'll tie this town up so tight they will have to meet our demands.

There are a few things we ask of you in order to help bring this fight to victory in the shortest possible time.

First, we want more drivers to sign the blue application cards. We want to present a veritable mountain of evidence to confront Blair with, and to take to the National Labor Relations Board.

Second, we want to see the 544-CIO button on every man in the industry. When Tobin launched his campaign of violence, we told you to protect yourself on the job. If Tobin's goons threatened you, we advised you to accept their dirty button. We knew you would keep the real 544 in your hearts. (Loud applause).

Now a new situation has arisen. More and more drivers are wearing 544-CIO buttons and defying Tobin's goons. We say to you tonight, that with this solid group as a nucleus, there is going to be a 544-CIO button on every man in the industry.

Third, we ask you as responsible union men to pay dues to your union.

At the start of our strike in 1934, we didn't have \$100 in the union treasury. Still we won, just as we shall win today.

You show by your presence here that the union has your support in its fight to smash Casey's sell-out plot. We are determined to win decent contracts for you men. If we do not get justice in the negotiations, we will tie up this town and keep it tied up until we win. (Prolonged applause).

WHILE DRIVERS PACK CIO HALL, AFL MEETING DRAWS ONLY 56 MEN

Overflow 544-CIO Membership Meeting Is Protest Against Gold Brick Being Peddled by Casey and Blair—Drivers Answer Federal Indictments by Rallying to Union—Adopt Program of Action

Blair, Casey and the boss courts got their answer Monday night when over one thousand drivers and warehousemen overflowed the Local 544-CIO headquarters in the largest and most enthusiastic summer monthly membership meeting in the union's seven-year history.

While the packed CIO meeting was cheering speaker after speaker as they lashed at the union's enemies, Casey's "544"-AFL meeting, held the same evening, drew only 56 persons, INCLUDING TOBIN'S ORGANIZERS. No more conclusive proof could be found to show that Local 544-CIO has retained the loyalty and allegiance of the Minneapolis drivers.

It is one thing for Tobin's hoodlums to collect "dues" and AFL signatures at the point of a gun. But Tobin can't send enough thugs in here to force the drivers to stay away from their own union, Local 544-CIO.

Is Set-back for Blair

The terrific contrast between the two meetings threw consternation into Stassen and his labor conciliator, Blair, for it makes it more difficult than ever for them to deny democracy to the drivers and sell them out to Casey and the bosses.

The big turnout of drivers demonstrated their solidarity with the union leadership who, a few hours earlier, had been arraigned by the federal government in the vile "subversive conspiracy" plot cooked up by Tobin and his friend, Roosevelt.

The drivers cheered repeatedly as CIO leaders and attorneys lashed at Stassen and Blair for their crooked use of the Stassen Slave Labor Law. The membership enthusiastically agreed with the union program presented to bring victory to Local 544-CIO in this great struggle.

Speakers at the meeting included V. R. Dunne, attorney Gilbert Carlson, UCWOC Director Frank Director, Farrell Dobbs, and Ray Rainbolt.

Casey Forced Into Open

Analyzing the "sweetheart" contract which Holy Joe Casey is trying to force down the drivers' throat, Farrell Dobbs warned that "Casey is giving you a preview of what you can expect from the Tobin gang from here on out."

"What the bosses really want most in this situation is no union at all. But they'd settle for the next best thing, a weak and wobbly Tobin union that would serve as a transition to the Open Shop. Naturally they want certain concessions from Casey and Neal. The bosses don't want any more of this 'nonsense' about enforcing the contract, about the union insisting on strict seniority. The bosses told Casey from now on they want compulsory arbitration, that is, they don't want to be bothered with employees' grievances."

"Casey is willing to give the bosses what they want. Why shouldn't he? He hasn't anything to lose. After selling you out, he would run out of town. You'd never see Casey again."

"That's Casey's plan. The most abominable, dirtiest and most shameless conspiracy ever perpetrated in this city is constituted by the Star Chamber sessions where

Many Members Pay Dues After Monday Meeting

Acting on the suggestion of Brother Farrell Dobbs that the membership get their union dues straightened out as rapidly as possible, scores of drivers lined up at the dues' tables after Monday's membership meeting.

Many paid not only their current dues, but next month's as well. Hundreds promised to get their dues in this week or not later than next pay day, and to see to it that others in their shops did the same.

A large stack of blue membership cards were signed, which will be used as additional evidence before the National Labor Relations Board and before Blair to establish the right of Local 544-CIO to represent the drivers.

Almost every driver leaving the hall Monday night wore the August button of 544-CIO.

Blair, Casey and the bosses have been plotting to strip you of the gains you won under Local 544."

Brother V. R. Dunne told the meeting that the officers and staff appreciated to the highest degree the splendid loyalty and understanding shown by the union ranks in the common fight against Casey's gold brick proposal.

Ray Dunne, reviewing the behavior of the Tobin hoodlums, observed that "Tobin's thugs weren't satisfied to use clubs and guns against union men. They had to go up north and start shooting the farmers..."

"No matter what they do, we will make Local 544 the greatest drivers' union in the CIO, just as this union was the greatest local in Tobin's old outworn international," Dunne concluded.

Legal Moves Made

In listing the legal steps being taken to block Casey's sell-out program, Gilbert Carlson, 544-CIO attorney, informed the meeting that "On Saturday we filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board for an election in the furniture industry, the election that Blair has denied us under the Stassen Labor Law. In the meantime, Blair and Casey are prevented by a writ of certiorari from moving against us until the district court reviews the evidence next month."

"Tuesday morning Blair will open hearings on the AFL petition asking that Blair certify the Tobin union and deny the drivers their democratic right to a voice in the matter. Your union attorneys will naturally oppose this bureaucratic maneuver."

Scolding and bitter laughter greeted Carlson's reference to the arraignment of union members in federal court that morning, on the charge of "seditious conspiracy." The union attorney pointed to Dan

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We Made Minneapolis a Union Town - - - Let's KEEP IT That Way

Blair Openly Pro-Tobin At Labor Board Hearing

Blair's hearing on the Tobin petition to disregard the democratic rights of the Minneapolis drivers and certify "544"-AFL as collective bargaining agent opened Tuesday in the Nicollet Hotel.

Blair immediately gave away his game by turning the hearing away from the question of the democratic right of the workers to be represented by a union of their own choosing.

Instead the hearing degenerated into a red-baiting field day, intermixed with testimony from various AFL business agents that Blair should deny the CIO drivers their democratic rights to an election, on the weird grounds that a CIO victory would result in an AFL boycott against CIO-delivered material.

A St. Paul boss, Lou Hoskins of Regulated Motor Transport, testified for the AFL that he had received phone calls from AFL unions threatening to stop CIO trucks at various "break points" throughout the state.

Witnesses 'Can't Remember'
When CIO attorneys pressed him as to the identity of the AFL unions, Hoskins "couldn't remember."

Various AFL building trades business agents testified their unions would not handle goods delivered by CIO-driven trucks. McInerney, business agent of the

was put on the stand to say that seven years ago he saw a red flag in the old Local 574 hall. Asked by assistant attorney general John Weeks if the flag had an insignia, McHugh "couldn't remember."

Local 544-CIO attorneys strenuously objected to accepting testimony of this nature in a case supposed to decide the right of the drivers to choose their bargaining agent.

Blair overruled every objection by CIO attorneys, and at one point as much as told them they had no business at the hearing.

McHugh's story is a foul lie, incidentally, as every veteran member of our union knows. The "red flag" he refers to was the old Local 574 banner, with white letters on a red background, the banner having a blue border. The banner was carried in the Ness-Belcor parades and on other occasions.

Blair and the Tobin attorneys kept straight faces as they used the hearing as a sounding-board to air their red-baiting charges against Local 544-CIO.

At one point Goldberg, one of the seven Tobin attorneys, tried to make a point of the red shade of the August 544-CIO membership buttons.

Let Brennan Testify
Sid Brennan, chairman of the Committee of 99 which furnished Tobin with much of the "evidence" he turned over to the FBI and Roosevelt, took the stand to put out all the old red-baiting crap the bosses have hurled against 544 and its leadership ever since 1934.

The evidence had not the slightest bearing on the right of 544-CIO drivers to a democratic election. But the evidence fitted into the purposes of Stassen, Blair and Casey, and it was accepted.

Madam Perkins Talks Like Boss

"There can be no collective bargaining in the government service," declared Madame Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, last week in firing Helen Miller, employee of the United States Labor Department, for union activity. Miss Miller is an active United Federal Workers officer.

More than 1,000 CIO workers of the nation's capital packed a protest meeting last week, demanding her reinstatement, and launching a campaign for this purpose.

Evaporated Milk Discussed by Consumers' Guide

"Seventeen ounces of evaporated milk contain practically the same nutrients as one quart of fresh whole milk," writes the Consumers' Guide, publication of the Consumers' Council Division of the Department of Agriculture.

"Evaporated milk is an excellent source of vitamin G (riboflavin) and a good source of vitamin A. It can be reinforced with vitamin D, so as to make it a better source of this nutrient than fresh untreated whole milk. When evaporated milk is reinforced, the label must say 'with increased vitamin D content,' or 'vitamin D content increased.'"

"While the heat necessary for evaporation changes the taste of the milk slightly, giving it a cooked flavor, the heat treatment has its advantages. The casein in the milk (the most important protein) is affected by the heat so that in most cases it is easily digested by infants and children. The result is a curd which is similar to that of mother's milk. Evaporated milk is also homogenized, that is, the fat globules are reduced in size and distributed evenly throughout the milk."

"Evaporated milk is bacterially free when a can of it is opened. After it is opened, however, it should be kept cool like any other milk."

544-CIO Grievance Committee Meets Tuesday, Friday

Attention of all motor transport and allied workers is called to the fact that the regular meetings of the Grievance and Seniority Committees of Local 544-CIO are being held in the union hall at 1325 Second Street North.

The union Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m.

The union Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

If you have grievances or questions on seniority to take up, the place to discuss them is before your union committees.

CIO Committee Asks Blair Removal; Governor Refuses

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Several CIO leaders flatly charged that the whole state administration was backing Blair in this attack on the CIO movement.

Grant Dunne asked the governor if he didn't think that the 54 days which have passed since the 544-CIO election petitions were filed is long enough for Blair to have handed down decisions. The governor would not reply.

Dunne charged that Blair had broken his personal word that he would hear the 544-CIO petitions as they were accepted and make his decisions accordingly. Instead, Blair has aided Tobin by shunting aside the 544-CIO petitions and beginning a hearing on the newly-filed Tobin petition which would

deny the drivers their democratic rights by certifying the AFL as citywide bargaining agent without an election.

The governor told the skeptical committee he was not well acquainted with the 544-CIO situation, but would look into it. He said he approved of Blair's actions, even after some of the many ridiculous blunders by Blair were cited.

Blair's conduct of the hearings has convinced the bulk of the labor movement that he is not acting for himself, but is following instructions from others. The CIO interview with Stassen indicates clearly where Blair is receiving at least part of his instructions. Stassen indicated he approved the farcical game Blair is playing, and that he indorses the travesty on justice being enacted by Blair in the hearings.

The committee, on leaving, told Stassen that his attitude was completely unsatisfactory.

Excerpts from Monday's Talk by Frank Barnhart

Following are some remarks by CIO Regional Director Frank Barnhart to Local 544-CIO's membership meeting Monday night:

In 1935 John L. Lewis told William Green the time had come to organize the unorganized workers of America, starting with the steel industry. Bill Green said, "It can't be done." The AFL never could do it. But the CIO was launched and today more than 500,000 steel workers are organized. Their wages have been raised by tens of millions of dollars. Their hours have been shortened. They have steward systems. They have a voice in saying what wages and conditions they shall work under.

The AFL said the auto industry could never be organized, that the auto corporations had too much money to fight the union movement. But the CIO tackled the job. The CIO never fails. Today there are almost 500,000 dues-paying members of the CIO United Auto Workers Union.

The CIO has never tackled a fight it didn't finish. The CIO didn't come in here to Minneapolis just to walk out again. The CIO came here to stay until this Local 544-CIO fight is won. The CIO is built for you and for me.

Tomorrow we are going to send a letter to every CIO affiliate throughout the United States, to acquaint the whole CIO movement with the fact that Tobin, and yes, the government of the United States, are trying to send honest-to-God union men to prison for crimes they never committed. We are going to appeal to every CIO union for funds to carry on this fight to victory.

The United Mine Workers is a great and powerful union. The United Mine Workers has had members and leaders in every jail and prison in America. But labor's enemies were never able to break the United Mine Workers.

The CIO is not as wealthy as the AFL. Every time the AFL gets a dollar, it sticks it in the bank to care for the wornout labor bureaucrats in their old age. Every dollar the CIO gets is plowed right back in the field for organization work.

Carry on this fight, build your union, contribute to the expenses of your organization. This is fundamental to the success of every organization. Stay with Local 544-CIO, stay with your leadership. They are honest and militant people. Victory will be ours, just as sure as you are sitting here in this hall tonight.

544-CIO Drivers Attend Your Section Meetings

Attention of all Local 544-CIO members is called to the need of attending your union section meetings, in order to hear and discuss the reports, and keep up with developments in the successful fight being waged to defend our union.

Below is a list of the meetings scheduled for the month of August:

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| Stewards | Friday, August 1st; Friday, August 15th |
| Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners | Thursday, August 7th |
| Wholesale Grocery | Friday, August 8th |
| Over-the-Road Men | Sunday, August 10th, 2 p. m. |
| General Membership | Monday, August 11th |
| Lumber | Tuesday, August 12th |
| Market; Wholesale Liquor | Wednesday, August 13th |
| Furniture; Coal; Paper and Printing | Monday, August 18th |
| Tent and Awning; Newspaper | Thursday, August 21st |
| Cold Storage and Produce | Friday, August 22nd |
| Spring Water | Monday, August 25th |
| Building Material | Tuesday, August 26th |
| Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug | Thursday, August 28th |
| Ice Drivers | Monday, August 11th |
| Warehousemen | Tuesday, August 12th |
| Warehouse Stewards | Monday, August 25th |
| Seniority Committee | Each Tuesday, 7 p. m. |
| Grievance Committee | Each Tuesday and Friday, 7 p. m. |

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CIO Auto Workers Show High Morale at Big Convention

To call the convention of the CIO United Auto Workers turbulent is to make a gross understatement. Since the moment the convention was opened on August 3 by President Thomas, there has been scarcely a peaceful moment, and certainly never a dull one.

The boss press stresses in every article coming out of the convention, the factional fight which is being waged. The labor press, however, indicates that while the fight for control is a bitter one there is another side to the convention.

Late in the afternoon of the opening day a thrilling moment came, when the Ford Local 600 band marched in. Thousands of delegates and visitors stood to welcome this newest contingent of fighting workers. A stir filled the hall as everyone responded to the wave of exaltation which the sight of this militant band of workers evoked. Here were men and women, Negroes and Whites who had won a bitter battle against the most reactionary force in American industry.

Another wave of rank and file enthusiasm filled the convention hall when the Ladies Auxiliary marched in, clad in their uniforms. These women, who now comprise the largest ladies auxiliary in the trade union movement, have a tradition of militancy and fight which matches that of their men. Their appearance was hailed with mass singing of "Solidarity Forever."

Another feature of the convention which gladdens the heart of trade unionists is the large number of Negro delegates who participate in the work of the convention, with none of the old line class discrimination which has always marked the AFL conventions. During one session the question of discrimination against Negro workers in defense industry was discussed. A Negro delegate, president of his union local, pleaded with the delegates to "do something besides pass resolutions."

Other delegates reported on progress made in placing Negro workers in defense industry and winning for them, through union activity, earned promotions.

Workers Oppose Boss War

President Thomas received his largest ovation when he spoke on the question of war. His remark—"I still say we should keep ourselves on record as against any foreign adventure"—brought down the house, proving once again that the workers in this country don't want war.

The Reuther faction won the first test fight when it succeeded in preventing the seating of the ten Allis-Chalmers delegates who were charged with being illegally elected. These delegates were the leaders of a seventy-nine day

House Passes Army Extension Bill, 203-202

Administration leaders in House of Representatives hail victory yesterday they succeeded in pushing army extension bill through narrow margin of one (1). So close was the outcome voting that opposition leaders demanded and got a recount. Final tally showed the House voted by 203 to 202.

This bill extends service armed forces for all draftable national guardsmen, and army enlistees to a minimum 30 months. In addition it sets number formerly set at 90 as a maximum on the number of draftees in service at one time.

As a miserable crumb of comfort, offered to take the sting of the broken promise of one and only one year's service, is a chance that after 12 months service at \$21 per month draftees will get \$30.

However, this plum won't satisfy the growing opposition to army service within the army itself. Most of the men were drafted took seriously the vet's promise that they could come home after one year.

Nor will it still the voices of thousands of men who are becoming vocal question. These women are angry when they tell congress they don't want their boys army past the one year term. They don't want their sons in any foreign war which Roosevelt might precipitate into at any moment.

The vote against this measure in the House represents a small part of the mass indignation which is sweeping the congress heels to Roosevelt's demands for more and more war legislation.

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Tobin's "Organizers"



Beeler Boys Sent in Here by Dirty Dan Attack Nurse in Hotel Bedroom, Assault Alderman Pratt and Brother—Finally Nabbed After Violent Episode in Eau Claire—Got Paid Off at 257 Plymouth—Are Marihuana Hopheads—Tobin Doesn't Mind—Local Cops Look the Other Way

WEDNESDAY BULLETIN

Federal narcotic agents stepped into the case of Tobin's hopheads today (Wednesday), as a result of the finding of marihuana on the three Tobin organizers who were seized in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, as they fled from criminal assault charge filed by Alderman Desmond F. Pratt.

Meanwhile the public scandal over the impunity with which Tobin's hopheads slugged people led to the opening of a grand jury investigation. The jury summoned Tobin's outenants, Raw Deal Neal and Joseph Casey, and Axel derberg, the Tobin organizer who was one of the Tobin gang who shot the Hill City farmer.

The jury is particularly interested in investigating the attempted assassination of the independent trucker, Harold Reed, and his helper, Louis Prickett.

"Scrutiny of police work in the case also is expected," late Wednesday press reported jurors as saying.

Three of Tobin's imported "organizers"—Ken Buckley of Kansas City, John Beeler of New York and someone identified by detectives as "Henry Smith" of Kansas City—were in hiding Tuesday as they were sought for arrest on a charge of assault in the second degree, sworn out by Alderman Desmond F. Pratt.

Alderman Pratt and his brother, Dr. Gerald H. Pratt, had been slugged by Tobin's AFL "organizers" Saturday night in Harry's Cafe. It is feared that the doctor's leg was fractured by kicks he received from the AFL plug-uglies. He lay on the floor where they threw him. A waiter who attempted to rescue the Pratts was also badly beaten.

Ops and Thugs
Police protection to Tobin's thugs was indicated by the fact that, in the days which elapsed after the brutal beating, no attempt was made by police to arrest the assailants until Alderman Pratt made a public scandal out of the affair and insisted on seeing a warrant. Meanwhile the thugs had plenty of time to make their get-away.

Harry's Cafe is one of the most expensive pleasure places in town. The fact that Tobin's payroll provides that kind of entertainment takes the veil off the character of the outfit run by Tobin. Were Tobin's thugs merely, as usual, drunk and disorderly? The best information indicates a more sinister story. Pratt's mother and his brother's wife, who were with the Pratt brothers in the cocktail lounge of the cafe, noticed and remarked before the attack that the three thugs were observing the Pratt party closely. When dinner was served, the Pratt party started for the second floor, leaving the brothers waiting for the next elevator.

At this point Tobin's "organizers" came over, expertly "frisked" the Pratt brothers to see if they carried weapons, and immediately began to slug and beat them.

Mistaken Identity
The Pratts think that the business-like way in which the attack was carried out indicates that their identity may have been mistaken. The thugs apparently thought they were "taking care" of somebody. Who? Rival mobsters who may have been trying to cut in on the Tobin racket? Attorneys who have refused to work with the plug-uglies?

"Things have come to a fine pass when you can't take your family out to dinner without being attacked," Alderman Pratt stated as he pressed the charge of criminal assault.

Launch Crime Wave
Things have come to such a pass for others, too, since Tobin's "organizers" came to town. The outrage committed upon the Pratts is only the latest of a series perpetrated by the mob that gets paid off at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Among these outrages are:

1. On Sunday, July 20th, AFL organizers George O'Brien, Robert Brennan (brother of secretary-treasurer Sid Brennan of Tobin's "544-AFL"), Axel Soderberg and Frank Bochniak went out to Hill City to "settle" a personal dispute between the Brennans' father and a Hill City farmer, Walter Doree. The farmer courageously defended himself against the guns of the "organizers" and, though he fell badly wounded, killed one of his assailants, AFL organizer Robert Brennan.

A coroner's jury promptly freed farmer Doree, finding that he had fired in self-defense. The neighborhood expressed its sympathy by raising a collection for the Doree family. The other AFL organizers were charged with first degree assault and bonds set at \$5,000 each.

Pair Escape Murder
2. On August 6, a carload of gunmen pursued an independent truckowner and his helper, Harold Reed and Louis Pirck Prickett, and when their victims fled for refuge into a gas station, at Marquette and Grant, the gunmen fired volley after volley of shots through the door of the filling station, missing their victims by inches.

The truckers had made a delivery to a store which was being bannered by the AFL for having laid off a painter. Raw Deal Neal had pledged the AFL would settle that beef, and the shooting was an aftermath. The police who were supposed to be protecting Prickett and Reed looked the other way, another example of the "kindness" shown the AFL.

AFL "organizers" Beeler and Buckley were questioned for this crime only after:

3. AFL organizers Kenneth Buckley of Kansas City and John Beeler of New York were arrested August 7 at 5:30 a. m. after they were caught invading the bedroom of a Rochester nurse in the Hotel Nicollet. The woman's screams brought to her aid James Bollinger, hotel night manager, and Ed Porter, house detective. Tobin's plug-uglies swung blackjacks and bottles at the woman's rescuers, but were finally subdued.

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Thoughts While Reading The Minnesota Teamster

Horror Item
Featured speakers at the Duluth AFL Labor day picnic are Holy Joe Casey and Stassen's senator, Joe Ball. The two war-mongering Joes make a good pair, at that. The idea of letting skates like these address a group of workers!

It isn't only the Socialist Workers Party that the Tobin machine opposes. It opposes ANY attempt at independent labor political action. It is opposed to any working class party, be it a labor party, a Farmer-Labor Party or any other workers' political group.

Our advertisers tell us their ads in the Organizer never drew so many customers as now. Must be the result of the Minnesota Teamster publicity. Our readers feel that anything Casey is against MUST BE GOOD.

"We are not a brotherhood in name only, but are constantly ready to assist each other," Casey scribbles.

There was nothing very "brotherly" about the gang fight behind the AFL headquarters the other morning.

Rainbolt was right. Tobin's hoodlums will all shoot each other or get tossed in the brig for one crime or another.

Raw Deal got very lonely at the AFL membership meeting Monday night. He couldn't believe the stories brought him of the huge 544-CIO membership meeting. He had to cruise around our hall slowly and take a good long gander.

That was just an old-time 544 membership meeting, Raw Deal. We all thought it was a fine meeting. How'd you like it?

Don't miss the letter from the Omaha driver, in this issue of the Industrial Organizer. It tells you what a union under Raw Deal Neal's receivership has to go through.

A couple of \$40-a-week jobs have gone begging in Austin, Minnesota, for the last two weeks. There's a catch, of course. To get the money, you have to work as an organizer for Tobin. Naturally, no self-respecting worker would do that. So the jobs are still open.

First it was the Minneapolis drivers—then a farmer in Hill City—then a nurse in the Nicollet Hotel—then Alderman Pratt and his brother—then a stranger in Eau Claire.

The Tobin organizers leave behind them a path of criminal assault wherever they go. The president of 544-AFL has disappeared. One organizer is dead, the victim he attacked having shot a little straighter than Tobin's man did. The trustee and another organizer are due to go on trial next month for criminal assault in the first degree.

Three more imported "organizers" were brought back to Minneapolis Tuesday to face criminal assault charges.

Oh, pious Dan Tobin runs a clean organization, all right, all right.

The conduct of the hoodlums he sends in here has done more in two months to besmirch the banner of the Minneapolis labor movement

Omaha Driver's Lowdown On How a Union Functions Under Neal's Dictatorship

Do you want to know what would be in store for the Minneapolis transport drivers if they should ever submit to Raw Deal Neal's dictatorship?

Do you want to know the kind of "sweetheart" deals that Tobin's agents make with the bosses at the expense of the drivers' wages and jobs?

Study the letter, printed below, which was received this week from a member of the AFL Teamsters outfit in Omaha, Nebraska. The writer, fearing reprisals at the hands of Tobin and Neal, asks that his name be deleted. His letter follows:

"Members of Local 544 in Omaha, Nebraska, are watching developments closely in the fight of the Minneapolis drivers against Tobin's dictatorship. Omaha drivers are at present under the heel of Tobin and his well-paid stooge, T. T. Neal, and Neal's apprentice dictators.

No More Elections
"There are no more democratic elections in the Omaha local. Tobin placed the local in receivership because the union was in debt to him for per capita tax.

"When Neal announced the receivership he promised the debts would quickly be paid off, and that the local would be out of receivership in six months. THAT WAS ABOUT 15 MONTHS AGO.

"Several months prior to Neal's dictatorship, members of the transfer section voted to increase their monthly dues from \$2 to \$3 to meet the debts of the union and hire a union doctor. Nevertheless, the receivership was forced on them.

"Shortly after Neal got in the saddle as boss, he 'negotiated' and signed a two-year city cartage contract. It provides for 55c per hour during the first year and 57½c per hour the second year, with a 54-hour week. We are tied up with this contract until June, 1942.

Takes Job With Boss
Neal appointed T. V. Smith to be his head local stooge in spite of the fact that Smith's conduct as secretary-treasurer of the local provided Tobin with the pretext for placing the local in receivership.

Smith was just the type that Neal chooses. After three months Smith decided to go to work for the employers direct. He accepted a job with the bosses as spotter on over-the-road drivers and as grievance negotiator for the employers' organization.

A "Sweetheart" Deal
In October, 1940, the first area over-road contract which contained a Nebraska Rider, expired. Since the employers had already signed the second area contract that spring (before the receivership), the new contract was to go into effect automatically.

The Nebraska Rider, provided a 60c hourly scale on intra-state operations. The new contract provided the regular area scale of 3c per mile plus 75c on local runs and 85c on through runs for peddling, breakdown time, etc. In other words, it provided for an increase of better than 15c an hour.

After the local was put under Neal's receivership, the bosses decided they could renege on their signed agreement. They appealed to Neal for a "concession."

"Neal negotiated for about a month. During the negotiations he told us drivers that 'Farrell Dobbs pulled a fast one' on the employers by unfairly tricking them into signing a 'contract' they did not understand."

"Neal gave concessions to the bosses. He signed a new rider, providing a scale of 2c per mile empty, and 2½c per mile loaded, with peddling and breakdown time at 65c and 75c. He thus gave away a minimum of 10c an hour. But he never gave anything of his own away. What he gave away came out of our paychecks.

The membership was forced to accept the deal as there was nothing else we could do under the receivership.

"The real pay-off came this May, however. Salting away the extra \$1 a month assessment voted by the transfer section, enough funds were collected to pay every nickel of debt, including then anything that has happened in twenty years."

Was Ole Ogg thrown out of Local 471, or did he resign? Various stories are going the rounds.

Tobin's. At a regular general membership meeting the rank and file asked the Neal stooges to pay up the debts from the union treasury, so the local would be returned to the membership. We were flatly told that we had no authority to decide how the money was to be spent, as that was up to Neal.

Tobin Is Dictator
"The members asked if that meant we could not get out of receivership by paying the debts. We were told that even if Neal decided to pay the debts, that we would not get out of receivership until Tobin decided we should. We were reminded that Local 299 in Detroit has thousands of dollars in the bank, yet Tobin has kept 299 in receivership for the past five years.

"Most of the men, except Izzy Kosowsky and the stooges appointed by Neal (who think the receivership is pretty fine) were pretty sore and some of the members tried to make a motion that since we had collected enough money to pay all debts, and since we never got a union doctor anyway, and since that was the reason we voted to raise the dues, that the dues now be dropped to the original \$2 per month.

"We were told that wasn't for the membership to decide, it was up to Neal to decide.

Hope You Win
"These are only some of the reasons why the members of the Omaha union hate T. T. Neal and his Tobin receivership. However, we are working under closed shop contracts and must be very careful of what we say, since Neal has a chance to get us fired. These are some of the reasons why the Omaha drivers are greatly interested in your CIO fight against Tobin in Minneapolis. You know how we hope the fight against old dictator Tobin and his fat stooge will be won."

Packinghouse Union Signs Armour

The Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) has just signed a new contract with Armour and Company which will add five million dollars to the annual pay of 20,000 workers.

The agreement provides for a master contract covering 15 Armour meat processing plants. It provides, in addition to pay increases, that grievance machinery shall be set up in all plants.

It is estimated that the new contract will bring its benefits to more than 3,000 workers in South St. Paul and West Fargo, N. D.

Brewery Workers Plan Action Against Tobin

The general executive board of the International Union of United Brewery & Soft Drink Workers has called a conference for Chicago September 10th to discuss the next steps in the long-standing efforts of the international to resist the craft-union raiding policies of Tobin's AFL Teamsters outfit.

In June the AFL executive council announced suspension of the Brewery Workers Union.

Important To Delinquent 544 Members and to The Unorganized

Having completed the move from the AFL into the CIO, the Minneapolis Local 544, CIO, wishes to start off with a clean slate.

The union executive board therefore has moved to accept for reinstatement into Local 544, CIO, all members who have become delinquent in dues under the old set-up. Reinstatement can be effected by the payment of the current month's dues of \$2.00.

Drivers and allied workers not hitherto members of Local 544 may also join Local 544, CIO, simply by paying the current month's dues of \$2.00.

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Where's "Brady"?

When Raw Deal Neal appointed officers and an executive board for "544"-AFL, one "Leonard S. Brady," listed as having been imported from Detroit, appeared on the AFL letterhead as the president of the new "union." A few weeks ago, without any explanation, "Brady" was suddenly removed as president and has never been heard of since. To this day Raw Deal Neal has given no answer to the question raised by this sinister incident. Why was "Brady" removed? Where is he? What has happened to him?

Desperate measures need desperate men, Tobin and his lieutenants understand, and they have imported an army of desperadoes to carry out this desperate adventure of attempting to smash Local 544-CIO. Hopheads, farmer-shooters, nurse-attackers, thugs who can't go into a barroom without slugging somebody—these are Tobin's "organizers." Yet even in this foul army they did not dare to permit "Brady" to remain. They had to get rid of him after his "presidency" of a few days. They had to get rid of him quickly and without explanation. They had to remove him from the scene.

Who was "Brady"? What happened to him? Raw Deal Neal will have to answer those questions before long.

Over 1,000,000 Railroadmen Now Taking Vote to Strike

Chicago, Ill.—Taking the next step under the involved Railway Labor Law, the nineteen railroad labor organizations last week mailed out strike ballots to their membership after rail management refused to concede one penny on the union request for a wage boost.

Members of the five train, engine and switching unions will vote on just two propositions, wages and hours. Members of the fourteen standard railroad labor organizations will vote on four questions—wages, the bosses' demand for sweeping adverse changes in rules and working conditions, two weeks' vacation with pay, and the Western railroads' counter-demand of a 10 per cent reduction in pay.

A union press release reviews the history of the dispute in the following words: "For more than a year we have been endeavoring to persuade the carriers to grant our request for vacations for pay, without results. The carriers have also persistently refused to withdraw the counter-proposal of the Western railroads for a 10 per cent reduction in existing rates of pay."

"On June 9, 1941, all Western and most Southeastern railroads served notice of their desire to revise the rules in existing agreements, and on June 10, 1941, the 14 cooperating organizations (the unions) served notice demanding increases in wage rates."

"We have been unable to obtain satisfactory adjustment of any of these questions and have concluded negotiations with the carriers' committee without reaching any agreement."

More Polls Show Hatred For War

Again last week the results of new polls sampling public opinion on the question of the United States entering the boss war prove the overwhelming majority of the American people to be opposed to entrance. The war-mongers, from Roosevelt and Wall Street down to such boss-minded "labor" leaders as Tobin, get no support in their pro-war agitation from the masses.

On the question, "Should the United States enter the war?" 936 adult residents of Boulevard Gardens, a private housing development of 960 families at Woodside, Long Island, voted overwhelmingly against such a proposal. Voting "No" were 836, or 89.3 per cent. The straw vote conducted by the Kokomo (Ind.) Tribune in that community shows 98.8 per cent against convoys, and 95.65 per cent against entering the war.

Students at Washington state college at Pullman, Washington, recently sent a petition approved at a mass meeting of 1,000 students, asking the President to keep the nation out of war.

Old Lie Disproved
At the end of each war, the bosses who launched the war always try to evade the blame by whining that it was the ignorant masses who forced them into war.

New Union Hall Is Looked for By This Fall

In answer to a member's suggestion that immediate steps be taken to regain Local 544-CIO's former headquarters at 257 Plymouth avenue, V. R. Dunne stated that plans have already been discussed looking towards establishing a new headquarters to house many of the city's leading CIO unions.

He predicted that by late fall Local 544-CIO would find itself housed better than at any time in the union's history, where it would be under the same roof with sister CIO unions.

"Though we are extremely busy meeting our day-to-day problems in the fight with Tobin, Blair and the bosses, we are also looking ahead," Dunne said. "We have given some thought to the problem of headquarters, as well as to other problems the union shall confront later."

Boss Press In Tricky Position

The trade magazine Editor & Publisher has announced the results of its recent poll of the 1,878 daily newspapers in the nation, to which nearly 50 per cent responded. The daily papers occupy this position: they oppose immediate participation in the war by more than two to one (615 to 251); but they support every single step the government takes towards war.

They embrace the arms economy, seizure of strategic bases owned by foreign powers, and advocate the shackling of labor by compulsory arbitration. They support price regulation by the vote of 451 to 380. The boss press showed most enthusiasm for a federal law shackling labor, which they support, 727 to 122.

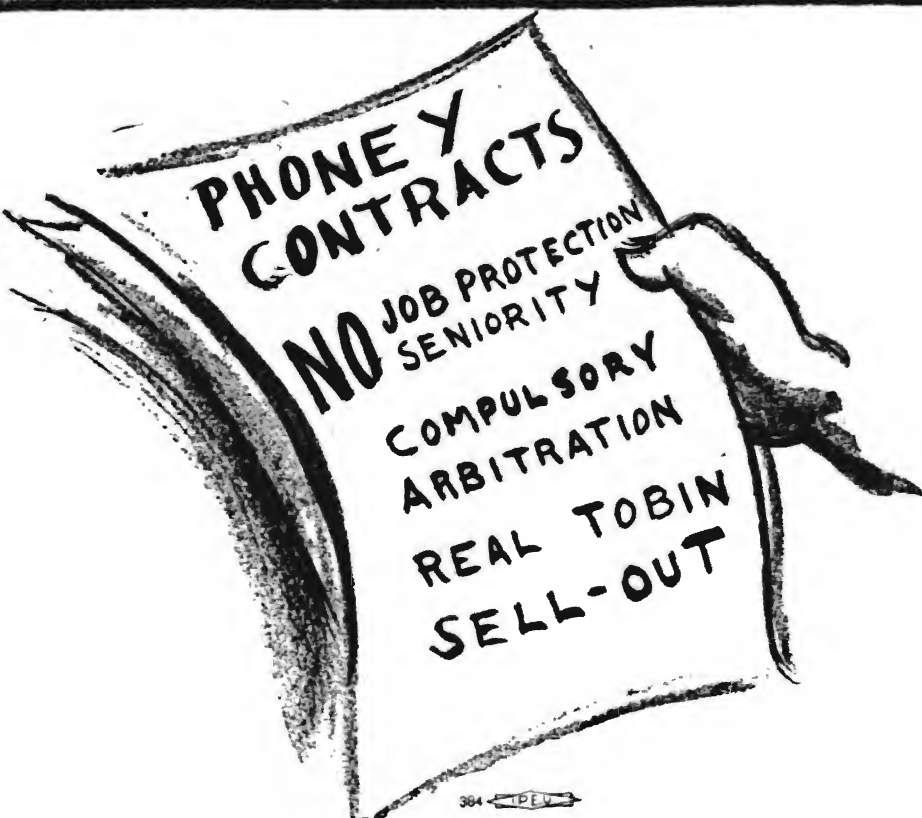
The survey reveals that the papers in the large cities are much more pro-war than the small-town dailies. But virtually the entire boss press, large and small, reflects the anti-labor attitude which flows logically from support of the steps towards war.

Lines on Tobin

(By an AFL Member)
There is a lug named Tobin
Whose principles are loose.
He thinks that in the union
He has a golden goose.

But with his present tactics
And his slipping hold,
He will soon exterminate
The goose that lays his gold.

Casey's Gold Brick



29 Plead "Not Guilty" To "Conspiracy" Charge

Are Arraigned Monday on Fake Charges Cooked Up by Tobin and Roosevelt—Government in Desperate Haste

Sixteen leaders and members of Local 544-CIO appeared in federal district court Monday morning before Judge Robert C. Bell to be arraigned in the "seditious conspiracy" case. Together with the thirteen other defendants in the case they pleaded not guilty.

The U. S. Department of Justice's desperate haste to railroad the 29 labor defendants to jail was made clear when U. S. District Attorney Vincent Johnson, Minneapolis attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, who came to the bench and informed Judge Bell that the ACLU is now in the midst of preparing briefs challenging the constitutionality of the indictment on the ground that it violates the civil liberties of the defendants. Mr. Johnson said the ACLU also needed more time to prepare.

Judge Bell gave the defendants until September 1st to file their motions in written form, and left it to Judge M. M. Joyce, who will sit here in September, to set the date for arguments on the defense motions. Prosecutor Anderson stated he would get in touch with Judge Joyce immediately and try to get him to set the earliest date possible for argument.

But of course all this didn't get Prosecutor Anderson to agree to a 90-day period. His strategy is just the opposite—to pile this case on top of everything else in the hope of burying the union under the burden.

Speaking for the other thirteen defendants, Attorney Albert Goldman—a member of the Socialist Workers Party and himself one of the defendants—told Judge Bell that he and defense attorneys M. J. Meyer and Arthur LeSueur need adequate time to prepare for argument because of the big constitutional questions involved in this case.

Goldman pointed out that the government's indictment attempts to convict the 29 defendants under two statutes which have never before been used in any case. He made clear that the defense intends to challenge the constitutionality of these statutes and their applicability to militant unionists and opponents of imperialism war.

One of these statutes, Goldman pointed out, was passed in 1861 for use against the Confederacy. The particular section of this statute which is now employed by the government in this indictment—charging "conspiracy to overthrow the government by force and violence"—has never been used before against anybody and therefore its constitutionality has never been tested.

The other statute—the "seditious" provision of the Smith "gag law"—was passed only a year ago, becoming law when Roosevelt signed it on June 29, 1940, and this is the first case brought under it. "Off the record," Department of Justice officials told the Washington correspondent of The Nation, liberal weekly, that they were dubious as to the constitutionality of this statute.

Attorneys Gilbert Carlson and D. J. Shama, representing the Local 544-CIO members who are indicted, explained to Judge Bell the necessity for the 90-day period they were asking. The union leaders and attorneys are now busy with the numerous hearings before the state labor board; other hearings pending before the National Labor Relations Board; the criminal and civil suits engineered by Tobin against Miles

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Referring to the string of crimes Tobin's out-of-town hoodlums have become involved in, Rainbolt brought down the house when he shouted: "If we just leave those goons alone, they'll shoot each other."

At the close of the meeting scores of members acted on the program presented by union leaders. They signed application cards

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO

AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, August 1—Job Stewards
Monday, August 4—Package Delivery; Department Store
Wednesday, August 6—Sausage; Petroleum
Thursday, August 7—Greenhouse; Independent Truck Owners
Friday, August 8—Wholesale Grocery
Sunday, August 10—Over-the-Road; City pickup; dockmen and road drivers who come under the area contract, 2 p. m.
Monday, August 11—General Membership
Tuesday, August 12—Lumber
Wednesday, August 13—Market; Wholesale Liquor

On the National Picket Line

Marvel Scholl

Sometimes the actions of Big Business and the government in Washington are so blatantly phony that even a six-year old child could see through them. Take the case of the shipbuilding workers strike against the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation, for instance.

Some time ago the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, which has within its membership 80 percent of the Federal employees, asked for an increase in wages, seniority, vacations, and the union shop. The company refused to deal with the union, so a strike was called. Just a few hours prior to the strike deadline Secretary Perkins certified the dispute to the National Defense Mediation Board.

The workers agreed to call off their strike to give the Board time to consider the case. After a few weeks the NDMB handed down a proposal for a 12 percent increase in wages, seniority of sorts, vacations, and a modified form of union shop wherein present union members and all those who join the union later would be compelled to keep their union membership in good standing as a condition of employment.

The union accepted the proposal and called off their strike vote.

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Referring to the string of crimes Tobin's out-of-town hoodlums have become involved in, Rainbolt brought down the house when he shouted: "If we just leave those goons alone, they'll shoot each other."

At the close of the meeting scores of members acted on the program presented by union leaders. They signed application cards

yards at Kearney, N. J. Knox said that he could not commit himself as to the Navy's attitude prior to his talks with the company's president. A minor official of the Navy admitted however, that a plan for such action has been "lying on the desk ready" for several days, and has been awaiting only the signature of President Roosevelt. He also said that even if the Navy "accepts" the "gift" of the Federal yards, such a signature would be necessary to make it legal.

One paper said that the union president welcomes the Navy taking over the yards. If this is so, it is certainly a short-sighted attitude for a union official to take. Just consider what happens to this union if the Navy does take over.

All of the employees become Federal government employees, subject to Civil Service. As government employees, according to Secretary of Labor Perkins' own decision they can have no collective bargaining rights. And according to Roosevelt, himself, "You can't strike against the government."

Last week we reported here how the United Federal Workers Union has been persecuted by Washington, as related in a letter from the secretary-treasurer of that union. Miss Nelson also told of how other federal employees, working in shipyards, were being subject to persecution at the hands of the FBI, questioned for hours about their union membership, their officers, their friends, even their reading habits; how the militants among these workers are being discharged as though they were common criminals, led out of the yards under Marine guards, stripped of their identifications, and finally, placed on national blacklists as "subversive elements."

So Korndorff wants to "give" his vast shipbuilding enterprise to the government! His "gift" has many strings to it. And we'll bet they include new yards, improved equipment, and finally—oh, yes, a good substantial price is not to be forgotten—but the final touch about which we will NOT hear are the conditions for the return of the yard either after the war is over, or even "settled."

And oh, yes. About that "God-given right to choose, etc." We were under the impression that it was the Wagner Act which officially gave the workers that right. In fact, throughout my short career as a Sunday school teacher I don't remember reading any place in the Bible about God making arrangements for union representation!

Another little item which makes Korndorff's "offer" even more phony is the \$450,000,000 worth of gov-

ernment contracts which the company has been awarded. On July 26 the Office of Production Management Bureau Research and Statistics issued a bulletin showing that six corporations hold 31.5 percent all defense contracts in their names, and that these same along with 50 other companies most of them subsidiaries or controlled through interlocking directorates—control over four quarters of all contracts. Six companies and the amount of their awards are—Beth. Steel Corp. \$927,000,000 New York Shipbuilding Corp. 507,000,000 General Motors 490,000,000 Curtiss Wright Corp. 444,000,000 New Port News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. 389,000,000 E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. 318,000,000

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Market, Transfer Firms Get CIO Strike Notices

Last Friday, in answer to convincing by Casey and Blair to sell out the drivers, Local 544-CIO filed 67 new strike notices with the state labor arbitrator.

Strike notices were sent to 48 transfer companies and market concerns.

Blair has scheduled hearings on the transfer strike for this Friday morning at 10 a. m. At 2 p. m. the 544-CIO notices on the market will be heard.

544 Stewards To Meet Friday Night

All stewards and acting stewards of the Motor Transport and Allied Workers Industrial Union Local 544-CIO are instructed to attend the important Stewards Meeting this Friday, August 15, 8 p. m. sharp.

A program of action to the campaign outlined at this day's membership meeting will be discussed and passed on at Stewards' Meeting.

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Ole Ogg Pulls a Bartlett

The incompetent appointed Raw Deal Neal are carrying on other AFL locals just as they in Casey's drivers' union. Ole Ogg is the new Grand Mogul of AFL Warehouse Union. After Wheeler-Barnes contract had been signed, the boss approached on a question of obtaining a reduction.

It seems the Wheeler-Barnes committee had negotiated a scale covering the classification of cooks. Included among the scale is a job known as "juice man." The wage set for this man is 77½¢ an hour. The boss wanted to have this wage reduced to 72½¢ per hour, because the man who formerly held the job was longer employed by the company.

Ogg called a meeting of the employees involved. Like good people, they said they wouldn't for any such chicanery. Nevertheless Ogg put the deal over and man is now on the job at 72½¢ an hour.

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